The Central Government and State Governments are taking the following measures to check deforestation in Himalayas:

(i) **Administrative measures:** Patrolling of forest area, Network of Checkposts, Mechanism of Transit Permits for movement of forest produce, Control and regulation of saw mills, Restrictions on movement of timber in North-Eastern Region as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court

(ii) **Legal measures:** Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Environment Protection Act, 1986 and the rules, guidelines thereof.

(iii) **Management measures:** Working of forests according to approved Working Plans, involvement of local people in protection and managment.

(iv) **Financial measures:** Financial assistance to the States/Union Territories under Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Externally Aided Projects.

(v) A network of protected areas has been established. (National) Parks, Sanctuaries, Project tiger areas, Project Elephant areas, Bioshpere reserves etc.)

Promotion of IFS officers

1246. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines for promotion of Indian Forest Service officer, issued by his Ministry December, 2005 to various Chief Secretaries of States.

(b) whether it is a fact that the Department of Personnel and Training is reported to have advised the Chief Secretaries of all States not to follow the guidelines issued by his Ministry for promotion of IFS officers and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) In the month of December, 2005, the Ministry of Environment and Forests issued guidelines to address the problem of acute stagnation and inter-cadre disparities in promotion of IFS officers. A copy of the guidelines in enclosed as per Statement (*See* Below).

(b) The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) have informed that "they have advised the Chief Secretaries of all the States not to give effect to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in December, 2005, as in their view, implementation of these guidelines, in actual practice, would result in violation of the IFS (Cadre) Rules, and IFS (Pay) Rules framed by the DoPT under the All India Service Act. *1951."* However, in view of this Ministry, no such violation of any AIS Rules would take place if these guidelines are implemented.

Statement

Guidelines for promotion of Indian Forest Service Officers

With a view to addressing stagnation in the Indian Forest Service at various levels in different cadres, and removing the inter-cadre disparities, following guidelines are made in continuation of the earlier guidelines issued *vide* the letter No. 20019/01/2000-IFS (II) dated 18th November, 2002.

2. The State/UT Government shall ensure that the Screening Committees that have been provided for in the earlier guidelines for considering promotion of IFS officers, shall meet at least six months in advance from the date from when a particular batch of the officers becomes due for promotion to higher grades. Since the completed years of the service are reckoned from 1st of January, it is suggested that Screening Committee Meeting shall be held by July-August every year and a report to this effect shall be sent to the Cadre Controlling authority in this Ministry.

3. In such Screening Committee Meetings all the officers of a particular batch that becomes due for promotion to higher grade shall be considered and all the officers recommended by the Committee shall be granted higher scale in one go, on the due date by the State Government/UT.

(i)(a). For promotion to the grade of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), if there are not sufficient vacancies to accommodate all

eligible officers, the State/UT Government shall under Rule 9(7) of the IFS (Pay) Rules 1968, create equivalent number of ex-cadre posts as included in the senior duty posts and accommodate the officers against those posts.

(ii) (a). If number of officers in a batch is more than the total number of cadre and ex-cadre posts which can be available for this level, the State/ UT Government may forward proposals to this Ministry for obtaining 'no-objection' for creation of more ex-cadre posts for a specified period.

(b) In the case of the officers who have completed 25 years of service or more and have not been promoted to the level of Additional PCCFs due to insufficient vacancies, the State/UT Government may create required number of ex-cadre posts for granting promotion to all the eligible officers to the grade of Addl. PCCF.

(c) In the case of officers having 18 years of service or more and have not been promoted to the scale of Chief Conservator of Forests (CCFs) due to insufficient vacancies, the State/UT Government may create required number of ex-cadre posts for granting promotion to all the eligible officers to the grade of CCF

(d) In the case of officers who have completed 14 years of service and yet to be promoted to the scale of Conservator of Forests (CF), due insufficient vacancies, the State/UT Government may create required number of ex-cadre posts for granting promotion to all the eligible officers to the grade of CF.

(e) In the case of officers who have completed 13 years of service and have not been granted selection grade, may be granted selection grade in relaxation of restrictions on availability of number of posts for grant of selection grade as it is only a non-functional scale.

4. The State/UT Governments shall make all efforts to utilize the State-Deputation Reserve (SDR) and the Central Deputation Reserve (CDR) by deputing officers to various departments in the State/UT Governments and forwarding nominations of suitable officers to the Central Government for consideration for central deputation.

5. The State/UT Governments shall foresee the overall requirement of IFS Cadre while formulating their Cadre Review proposals and the Cadre Review proposals shall be so worked out as to ensure smooth career progression of IFS officers.

Exodus of senior doctors in AIIMS

†1247. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details including names, departments and service records of senior doctor who have left All India Institute of Medical Sciences during the last one year;

(b) the reasons for their leaving AIIMS;

(c) whether they have followed the service condition while leaving AIIMS;

(d) whether administrative reasons are also responsible therefore;

(e) whether Government have conducted any inquiry therein, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to retain doctors in AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) During the year 2005, six faculty members left the service of the Institute. During the year 2006, five faculty members have left the service till July, 2006. The details are as per Statement-I and II. (*See* Below)

The faculty members have either taken Voluntary Retirement or resigned from the service of the Institute on personal ground. One of the term of reference of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Valiathan was to make recommendations on the efficient utilization of manpower resources with respect to attracting the best talent, retention of faculty, provision of better opportunities for utilizing the talent available and optimization of scientific/technical/non-technical manpower.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.